

The resources of the earth are the basis of our national wealth. By means of them alone, in material things, comes leadership among the nations. The conservation movement now fully under way embraces the forest movement as one of its sources and great divisions. Thus the cause of forest conservation throughout the country has won a powerful ally and a more effective support for the work that lies just before us.—Gifford Pinchot in New England Magazine.

Did Not Worry Her.

Have the terrors of the French revolution been exaggerated? A French woman mentioned in Sir Mountbatten's Grant Duff's diary had lived in Paris through the last 30 years of the eighteenth century, and when asked for her impressions of the tragic times of the terror replied: "The whole affair has been vastly exaggerated. For my part, I never found it necessary to abandon my weekly 'at home' days."

Windfall in Bible.

While reading a Bible which he had bought in a second-hand shop, a Herne Hill (London) gardener named Wallace, recently thrown out of work, came upon two £5 (\$25) notes and the following inscription: "I gathered this money with very great difficulty, but, having no relative who is in absolute need, I make thee, whoever shall read this Bible, to be my heir."

New Book of Kings.

A fine book might be written upon the psychology of royalty, containing all the human documents that have come down to us from the rulers of the past. Such a book would make us think more kindly of those rulers—even of that long list of the kings of Israel of whom we are told nothing except that they did evil in the sight of the Lord.—London Times.

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WILLIMANTIC.

High School Seniors Compete for Norris Prize of \$10.

The members of the senior class at the Willimantic High school are writing essays on the subject "What May Be Expected of Me in Return for My Education." To the writer submitting the best essay on the subject a prize of \$10 will be awarded. The prize is offered by W. C. Norris.

Undergoes Surgical Operation.

Alderman Herbert D. Pollard was operated upon at his home on Church street Thursday morning at 9:30 o'clock by a specialist from Hartford, assisted by Drs. Owen O'Neill and R. C. White of this city. The patient was resting comfortably Thursday evening.

Clever Vaudeville Sketch at May Carnival.

The chief attraction at the May carnival in town hall Thursday evening was a vaudeville sketch entitled "Ma's New Boarder," the cast including "Edwin Booth" Smith, William Hussey, William Moriarty, John McQuillan, Misses Anna Murphy, Mary McShea, Gertrude Fahy and Elizabeth Shea. The presentation made a decided hit and the performers were accorded great applause.

Dancing was then enjoyed by a large number. Music was furnished by the orchestra and the various attractions were well patronized and the attendance was one of the largest of the week.

Rum Results in Rough House and Jail Sentences.

William Story, young, but a familiar figure in police court, was before the court Thursday morning, charged with intoxication and breach of the peace. To the first count he entered a plea of not guilty, but admitted his guilt on the second. Story went home intoxicated Wednesday night, threatened his mother, broke a lamp and some dishes, creating a rough house. The court sentenced Story to sixty days in the county jail at Brooklyn.

Rev. William S. Board Reviews Work of Season.

The series of interesting studies pertaining to alien social problems that have been held at the First Congregational church weekly throughout the winter months were concluded Thursday evening with an address on the results of these studies by Rev. William S. Board, pastor of the church. Last night's meeting was a fine one and the attendance demonstrated the value of the course that was brought to such fitting conclusion.

County Commissioner Barber's Health Improved.

County Commissioner C. E. Barber of Plainfield was in town Thursday for the first time since the early part of the year. He has been in poor health for a number of months, but stated Thursday that he was somewhat improved.

Secretary Hine Visits Schools.

Charles D. Hine, secretary of the state board of education, was in this city Thursday and made a visit to the new state-town school building on Windham street. In the afternoon he visited the schools at Windham Center and the Oaks. The latter visits were made with a view to ascertain what repairs are necessary.

LIED TO COURT.

Plainfield Burglars Get Sentence Lengthened.

After court was adjourned Wednesday night it was reopened and Bernard Duffy and James Farrell, who had been sentenced to three and three months respectively, in the county jail for breaking and entering the store of the Kingsleys at Plainfield and stealing therefrom, were brought before the court again. It was brought to the attention of the judge that the boys had lied to him and he learned that the fellows were really brothers. Although the crime was a state's prison offense, the court, in view of their youth, only sent them to the county jail, but changed the time in each case to a year, giving the accused a severe reprimand.

Year in Jail for John Kiley.

The first case Thursday morning was that of the state vs. John Kiley, charged with assault on Charles Gillen of Danielson. Accused charged his Tuesday's plea of not guilty to guilty. It was shown that he was mentally incapacitated because of overindulgence in liquor. A sentence of one year in the county jail was imposed.

Cavanaugh Assault Case on Trial.

The attention of the court was next given to the case of state vs. Daniel and St. Andrew, charged with theft from the person and assault upon one Frank Cavanaugh of parts unknown. Two witnesses for the state, Mrs. Cornelia Montpelier, a boarding house mistress of Danielson, and Frank Ritchie, also of Danielson, were heard Wednesday afternoon. Frank Ritchie took the stand for cross examination as the first witness Thursday morning. The long-drawn-out testimony required the remainder of the day's session and the case remains unfinished, as the evidence was just in at adjournment Thursday night at 5 o'clock. The arguments will be made immediately after the short calendar session this morning.

Among the witnesses called for the state in the sickening affair were Jo-

SEPH L. BEAUDRY OF DANIELSON, WHOSE

testimony amounted to practically nothing, as he became badly mixed up on cross examination. John Grant, another man who claimed Putnam as his home, was with the previous witness and told essentially the same story. State Policeman Robert T. Hurley, who testified to being in the Putnam police headquarters, when complaint was made, Frank F. Russell, judge of the Putnam police court, who related how the prisoners had been brought before him there on the 17th of March, attorneys for the defense objected to testimony with regard to the plea being admitted, but objection was overruled.

Sheriff Holbrook Testifies.

Deputy Sheriff George Holbrook of Putnam told of Cavanaugh's appearance when he made the complaint at the Putnam station house. Patrick Hayes, a Putnam policeman, was put upon the stand; his story was that he investigated the matter and made the arrests and afterwards locked the prisoners up. He said that he was a restaurant keeper at Putnam, was somewhat flippant, having quite a wordy tilt with his honor.

Henry Petro, the last witness for the state, is a saloon keeper in Putnam; told how Cavanaugh had been in his place on two occasions, once to change a five dollar bill and later after the alleged assault. Said that Cavanaugh took a glass of beer the first time.

The State Rests.

The state rested at this point. After an intermission of five minutes to allow counsel for the defense an opportunity for consultation with clients, court was resumed and the defense was made, the accused, Delia and St. Andrew, being the only witnesses. Their testimony was concluded just as adjournment was taken. The testimony of a number of the witnesses for the state was very badly muddled and lacked plausibility. A peculiar thing about the case is the fact that Frank Cavanaugh, the person alleged to have been robbed and assaulted, has not put in an appearance so far.

Notes.

Irving M. Ford, who sustained a number of severe hemorrhages Monday, was out Thursday.

Henry L. Boswell of New Haven, formerly of this city, was a recent guest of relatives and friends for a brief stay.

George P. Phenix, a former principal of the State Normal school here, now connected with Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va., was a recent visitor with friends in this city.

The drinking fountain at the corner of Railroad and State streets was being overhauled Thursday afternoon and in all probability the fountain will soon commence to make daily stops there.

T. Frank Howie was driving his automobile about town Thursday afternoon. Mr. Howie's first appearance with the machine since his accident on North street hill late last summer.

The board of selectmen has decided to give the necessary land in front of the almshouse for the widening of Main street at that point. It is expected that the work of improving the thoroughfare there will be commenced by the men in the employ of the city street department at an early date.

Persons.

Mrs. S. C. Hooker spent Thursday in Hartford.

Eugene J. Hickey was in Mohegan Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. John Hickey and daughter were in Hartford Thursday.

Mrs. William Ross of Chaplin was in Willimantic Thursday.

Mrs. S. Arnold Peckham was a Hartford visitor Thursday.

Mrs. Franklin H. Elm passed the day in Hartford Thursday.

Mrs. Herbert H. Boynton was a Hartford visitor Thursday.

Daniel B. O'Connor was in Middletown and Hartford Thursday.

Charles H. Thompson of Chaplin was a Willimantic visitor Thursday.

Attorney Randolph Chandler of Thompson was in town for a brief stay Thursday.

Miss Katherine Dougherty of Waterbury is a guest at the home of James F. Tromey.

Fred A. Damon of New Haven, formerly of this city, was in town Thursday on business.

Miss Nora Cryne has returned to Bridgeport after a visit with relatives and friends in this city.

Engineer Robert E. Mitchell was in Hartford Thursday on business taking him to Highways Commissioner MacDonald's office.

Myrtle-Misses Emma Park and Minnie Williams have returned to Mystic, after spending the winter in Florida.

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JEWETT CITY.

Death of James H. Finn, Former Representative, Postmaster, Town Clerk and Selectman—Delegates Appointed to Stenographic Conference.

James H. Finn died at his home on Main street at 2:30 Thursday afternoon after an illness of nearly five years. Mr. Finn was one of the representative citizens of New London county, the senior member of the well known firm of Finn Brothers, who are among the leading general merchants of Jewett City, and one who was closely identified with years with its official life. He was born June 7, 1836, at Medway, Norfolk county, Mass., the son of Daniel and Hannah Finn.

Of Worthy Parents. Daniel Finn, his father, was born in County Roscommon, Ireland, which locality he left in young manhood and came to America, locating first in Norwich, where he worked in the mills for some time, and then secured the same employment in Medway, Mass. Several years later he returned to Norwich, where he remained until 1866, when he moved with his family to Jewett City and became watchman at

the Ashland mill. His trustworthy character made him highly esteemed there and he kept his position until his death, Feb. 12, 1890. He was a consistent member of the Catholic church and was buried in St. Mary's cemetery at Jewett City.

Surviving Relatives. The mother of the deceased, who survives him, was born Hannah Cavanaugh, in Galway, Ireland, being married in Norwich. Mr. Finn is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Dennis Barnett, and a brother, Daniel F. Finn, three nephews, Daniel Finn and John and Thomas Barnett, and by two nieces, Katherine and Alice Barnett.

A Self-Made Man. James H. Finn was ten years of age when his family located in Jewett City. At that age he went to work in the Ashland mill, having attended school previously. When he had been employed here about a year he met with a serious accident. His right arm was caught by moving machinery and was so injured before he was rescued that amputation was necessary. This accident incapacitated him as an earner and he was sent to the district school and later to the Norwich Free Academy, from which he graduated in the class of '78.

Became a Teacher. Still ambitious, Mr. Finn became a teacher, at which profession he spent one year, and then embarked in the mercantile business, beginning in a small way. His close attention to the wants of his customers and his genial, pleasant manners soon won the confidence and patronage of the people of Jewett City. The business steadily developed until at his death he was at the head of one of the leading enterprises of the borough, established thirty years ago. During his long life the household has been ably conducted by Daniel F. Finn, the junior member of the firm, and by Mr. Finn's brother-in-law, Dennis Barnett.

Built Finn Block. In 1898 Mr. Finn completed the erection of the three-story brick block known as the Finn block, the largest and most imposing in the borough. It contains three stores, the United States postoffice, the opera house, three large lodge rooms and various offices, shops and private apartments.

His Official Life. Mr. Finn was elected to the state legislature on the democratic ticket in 1891, the year of the deadlock. He has served his town in numerous capacities. He was town clerk and treasurer for two terms, has been justice of the peace, tax collector and first selectman for six years, finally declining re-election. At the time of his death he was a member of the Jewett City school district committee and also of the board of Soldiers' monument trustees.

In 1895 Mr. Finn was appointed postmaster by President Cleveland and served with general satisfaction for four years. A change in administration made a change in the incumbent, but upon the return of Mr. Finn to the White House Mr. Finn in 1899 was reappointed postmaster and completed his second term of four years, his service closing again with the defeat of the party.

Impartial and Fearless. He was for a long time one of the leaders of his party, but in official positions he recognized no political divisions, attending to his duties with fidelity and due regard for the welfare of the public. Not only in this section, but at Saratoga Lake, N. Y., where he spent about three years in his long fight for life, there are scores who will be deeply saddened by the loss of such a kind-hearted, honest friend.

A Devout Catholic. Mr. Finn has always worshipped with his mother at St. Mary's church and his benefactions to it have been as generous as his means would permit.

Fraternal Affiliations. Fraternally he was a member of the N. E. C. P., the A. O. U. W. and the Catholic Benevolent legion.

The delegates appointed Wednesday night from the Congregational church to attend the New London county conference at Stonington on the 11th are Deacon and Mrs. J. C. Hawkins, Mrs. F. E. Robinson and Mrs. W. H. Gane. Dr. Gane attends as pastor of the local church.

Mrs. William O'Neill of Providence is visiting her cousin, Mrs. G. H. Prior.

The fifth grade of the Riverside grammar school walked to the home of their teacher, Miss S. Nettie Johnson, in Lisbon, on Thursday evening and hung her a May basket. Miss Mary E. Soule also received one from her Sunday school class.

Increased Length of Life. The statistics of life insurance people show that in the last 25 years the average length of a man's life has increased five per cent, or two whole years—from 41.9 to 43.9 years.

Good Breeding. A scholar without good breeding is a pedant; the philosopher, a cynic; the soldier, a brute; and every man, disagreeable.—Chesterville.

The Best Lullabies. The motherly woman who has raised half a dozen children can beat all the ditty that ever "dove" at singing lullabies that really lull.

STAFFORD SPRINGS.

Edwin Willis' Hand Injured—Had to Be Amputated—Frank Goady's Funeral.

Edwin Willis had his right hand caught in a planer at the Curtis wood yard Wednesday afternoon and so badly injured that it had to be amputated. The planer had got out of running order, and Willis, intending to investigate the trouble, put his hand on the roll when suddenly it began to revolve, carrying his hand with it. The hand was terribly jammed and cut with the sharp knives in the roll. Willis shouted for help, and Clarence Boyer and Henry Ladd, who were at work about the place, hurried to his assistance. They threw off the belt and stopped the machine, thus saving Willis from more serious injury. He was taken to the office of a local physician, where the hand, which was hanging by a few shreds of tissue, was amputated. Willis with Vet Cunningham on the toll road.

Funeral of Frank Goady. The funeral of Frank Goady took place from St. Edward's church on Thursday morning at 9 o'clock. Rev. F. J. O'Neill officiated at the requiem high mass. Burial was in St. Edward's cemetery.

Mrs. S. L. Burr and Miss Layilla Burr have been in New York for a few days.

Miss Kate Grant Bliss has given the library two books, "The Butterfly Book" by W. J. Holland, and "Moths and Butterflies" by Mary C. Dickerson.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The Facts About the Chandler School.

Mr. Editor:—Your Putnam correspondent Thursday has been plainly supplied with a plentiful supply of information regarding the Chandler district school. The facts of the case are far different. Your correspondent for Pomfret Center is a member of the school board and was present at the hearing. The hearing was held according to law, at the time called for. Miss McLaughlin was given full opportunity to state her case and if she had only been willing to listen to the advice of the board of education in the past and carry out their instructions she is not the victim of doubt but that she would have finished her year successfully. School commenced Wednesday morning with Miss Sumner from Oxford, Mass., as teacher. EVERETT E. BROWN, Pomfret Center, Conn., May 8, 1909.

MERE MATTER OF INFORMATION.

Irishman Seemed to Have Good Reason for His Inquiry.

Officers have a right to ask questions in the performance of their duty, but there are occasions when it seems as if they might curtail or forego the privilege, suggests Youth's Companion. Not long ago an Irishman whose hand had been badly mangled in an accident entered the Boston city hospital relief station in a great hurry. He stepped up to a man in charge and inquired: "Is this the relief station, sir?" "Yes, what is your name?" "Patrick O'Connor, sir."

"Are you married?" questioned the officer.

"Yes, sir, but is this the relief station?" He was nursing his hand in agony.

"Of course it is. How many children have you?"

"Eight, sir. But, sure, this is the relief station?"

"Yes, it is," replied the officer, a little angry at the man's persistence.

"Well," said Patrick, "sure an' I was beginning to think that it might be the pumping station!"

Quaint Old Pepps.

There were worse errors than the matinee hat for the man who sat behind a woman in the seventeenth century theater. Pepps wrote that January 23, 1661, he saw "The Lost Lady" for the second time. Nine days earlier that play had not pleased him much—partly, perhaps, because he was "troubled to be seen by four of our office clerks, which sat in the half-crown box, and I in the 1st, 6d." But on the second occasion the play did "please me better than before; and here, I sitting behind in a dark place, a lady spit backward upon me by a mistake, not seeing me." However, it was all right for, "after seeing her to be a very pretty lady, I was not troubled at it at all."

Perfumery in Venezuela.

In Venezuela there is a great demand for perfumery, even among the men, while face powder is an absolute necessity for the women on account of the climate.

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Other Folks' Joy.

We should be cheerful creatures if we could have no joy in our fellow-mortals' joy, unless it were in agreement with our theory of righteous distribution and our highest ideal of human good; what our corners our mouth would get—our eyes, what frozen glances! and all the while our possessions and desires would not exactly adjust themselves to our ideal.—George Elliot.

Correcting an Error.

It was a minister's small son, whose habit was to ask God to bless each member of the family after his prayer. Having been put to bed one night in a hurry, he forgot one of them. Kneeling again with hands clasped and eyes closed, he addressed the Lord, thus: "Oh, Lord, wouldn't that kill you? I forgot grandma! God bless grandma. Amen."—Dellator.

No Book Hunters Now.

A well-known provincial member of that very honorable trade of second-hand book-selling said recently: "The hunt after rare books is as keen as ever, but I chiefly miss the young men who would mark down a book in my street-stall and would save up to buy it. There is plenty of book-buying, but there is no longer any book-hunting."—Hearth and Home.

Blame Apprenticeship System.

Lack of a proper apprenticeship system for training boys 14 to 20 years of age in the different trades is widely believed in England to be responsible in a large degree for the "casual labor," lack of employment and poverty of thousands of men now afflicting the united kingdom.

The Ideal Meal.

The ideal meal consists of bread, butter, and cheese, according to Dr. J. E. Spaul, who delivered a lecture to the British National Health society. "These foods," he said, "contain all the elements necessary for the proper working of the body, and thus form a complete meal."

A Formula.

Right ideas, backed by persistence and promulgated at psychological moments, will gain a foothold and become a great force for good, no matter how determined may be the opposition.—Detroit News.

Superstitious as Ever.

Superstitions are as numerous and as absurd to-day as during the middle ages. But instead of burning our sorcerers, fortune-tellers, palmists and crystal-gazers, we pay them. Remarkable progress.—Vienna Zeitung.

Tough, indeed!

It's mighty tough," says the Philosopher of Folly, "to have a bunch of fellows throw rocks at you, and then to have the owner of the quarry come and get you pinched for receiving stolen goods."

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